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PESSIMISM GONE MAD.

In a recent issue of the New York Sun there appeared a remarkable communication from a New Jersey reader of that paper, who argues that the best place for the man who prefers the right way of living to the wrong, is at the bottom of the river. He declares that having seen more men succeed who have employed the wrong means, as they are identified in the Sunday schools, he would have the teachers of the young add to their instruction a wholesome respect for the wrong. "If all men were sharp," he says, "there would be no sharpness." He then goes on to ask what the truth is and furnishes this answer: "It pays to do wrong, both while in doing it and in the end; it pays to do wrong and repent of it and reform; it pays better to do either one than to do right from the start. How much more quickly does the reformed man have the hand of help extended to him than the unfortunate virtuous. A man can live a wicked life for years and at the end of the time find more persons willing to help him if he is found out than one who lives well and truly during the same time and through misfortune finds himself obliged to solicit help. Did not the Lord Himself declare that the ninety and nine counted as nobodies, the sinner alone being of note? 'Twas ever thus. Honest effort sneaks by the wall; scheming travels in an automobile, with a megaphone and every sign board in the land bears its vociferous appeal to credulity and unsophistication in posters from ten to twenty feet in height." He proceeds to state that he has done his level best to do right, and while not a pessimist is confident that his proper summer and winter resort is at the bottom of the river.

The New Jersey pessimist makes the by no means uncommon mistake of thinking that wealth is the sole aim of mankind and that success and contentment is measured by the size of one's bank account. Such a doctrine is fatal to human happiness and upon its unsubstantial foundation has been built most of the wrecks which strew the shores of time. Can any one doubt that President Stensland of the failed Milwaukee Avenue Bank would endorse the Jersey man's platform, or that even the bucket shop manipulators who wore members of the conspiracy to defraud the depositors of the bank can secure much enjoyment out of their ill-gotten gains?

There may be a shadow of reason for the conclusion reached by the Sun's correspondent. It some times seems that men and women are more ready to help a picturesque villain than the honest plodder whose virtues classify him among the commonplace. There are two reasons for this. The first is that human nature naturally craves the abnormal and the appeal in behalf of the black sheep may meet a more ready response for that reason. Then, too, the man who wishes to do right usually has too much self-reliance and pride to go around asking for charity. The price which one has to pay for the sort of assistance which goes to the "reformed" crook is dearer than the honest man can realize.

In one of the Psalms David says: "I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." That was not a half-baked theory, but the experience of an old man who had seen much of life. Leaving aside all question of morality and of a future estate, there can be no

doubt that "honesty is the best policy," and that the only royal highway to peace, contentment and happiness is through righteousness for its own sake.

The French government in its desperate efforts to hit upon a method to counteract the effect of race suicide, proposes to incorporate a new feature in the income tax law of the country. It is proposed to provide for reduction in taxation in the case of married men and fathers of families, the reduction increasing with the size of the family. The theory upon which this action is based is that those who rear citizens perform a service to the State. The President might try this experiment with those college men about whose race suicide tendencies he is so much worried.

The New York Sun, commenting on Kipling's latest jingo screed, declares that the author of the "Recessional" is the worst poet in England. Those esteemed contemporaries who have enshrined Alfred Austin in that position of "honor," refuse to let the judgment stand, however, and now are in the midst of a sprightly controversy in which the consensus of opinion seems to be that while some one else might run a dead heat with Alfred for last place it would be impossible to beat him out.

A Kansas man has succeeded in winning the girl he loved by writing poetry to her mother. After the wedding ceremony is performed, however, we venture the prediction that he will have to do something more practical than writing verse in order to keep on the right side of his mother-in-law.

An ocean liner about to sail from Hoboken waited ten minutes for a man who had gone ashore to be shaved. This fellow undoubtedly will be able to tell his friends that he caught the boat, but that it was by a "close shave."

The ice companies in the St. Louis combination are to be fined \$71,000 apiece. The Virginia trusts seem to be the only ones which have been allowed to hold up the public without any interference at all.

A Chicago professor says that woman was created before man. But she has evened up things by being after him ever since.

Don't blame the weather man, for he has been persistently calling for fair weather every other day for a week or two.

FIREMEN IN SESSION.

Roanoke Entertaining Visitors From Many Cities.
(By Associated Press.)

ROANOKE, VA., Aug. 14.—The Ninth Annual meeting of the National Firemen's Association, convened here today, being called to order by President James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, N. C.

An address of welcome was made by Mayor Cutchin, of Roanoke.

In the absence of President Redwood, of the Virginia State Firemen's Association, the address was responded to by President McNeill.

T. E. Smith, Jr., of Akron, O., editor of the Fire Service Journal, was chosen secretary and the convention got down to work.

Among the addresses of the day was one by Chief J. R. Canterbury, of Minneapolis, who spoke of the Minnesota law which give the firemen two per cent. of the insurance written.

His city's interest in the share this year is \$29,000.

During the afternoon the wives and daughters of the visiting firemen were given a trolley ride to Salem and Norwich.

Tonight the visitors were taken on an excursion to Blue Ridge Springs.

A belated train this afternoon brought twenty-six delegates from Oklahoma and Indian Territory and others from California, Kansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas and Minnesota.

The convention will be in session three days.

GIVES LIFE FOR WOMEN.

Railroad Brakeman in Saving Three Lives is Killed.
(By Associated Press.)

ALLENTOWN, PA., Aug. 14.—In his successful effort to save the lives of three women, Daniel Colt, aged 21 years, a brakeman on the Ironton railroad, lost his life today. His train was backing through a cut, when he saw the women.

The space was narrow between the track and the banks and Colt, fearing they might be caught, signalled to the engineer to stop.

Colt's gesticulations caused the engineer to shut off steam so suddenly that the train was severely jarred. Colt was thrown under the wheels and killed.

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HAMPTON NEWS

MRS. RICHARDSON HAS A FALL.

Suffered a Fracture of Her Knee Cap by Tumbling Down Stairway.

Mrs. Redwood R. Richardson fell down the stairway at her home in Elm street yesterday morning and sustained painful, though not serious injuries. Mrs. Richardson was coming down the steps when she slipped and, in falling, struck her knee, breaking the knee cap of her right leg. She will be confined to her room for some time as the result of the accident.

Dr. Benjamin W. Cabell set the broken bone.

Mrs. Richardson was near the top of the steps when she fell.

MISS CURTIS UNDER KNIFE.

Daughter of Police Officer Curtis Operated Upon.

Miss Alice Curtis, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Leslie Curtis, was operated upon for hairlip in the Dixie hospital yesterday, and the operation was a success. Dr. George W. McAllister was assisted in the operation by Drs. J. Wilton Hope and T. F. Jarrett.

It is thought Miss Curtis will be able to return to her home in Armistead avenue today, although it will be a few weeks before the wound heals.

THIRTY DAYS AND \$30.

Beverly Thornton Severely Punished For Cutting Benjamin Alexander.

Beverly Thornton, a negro woman, who recently carved Benjamin Alexander in six places in a fight near the Cross Roads, was yesterday sentenced to thirty days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$30.

Alexander was found guilty of assaulting the woman and fined \$10 and costs.

Richard Hawkins, a 20-year old negro from Baltimore, was fined \$2.50 and costs for assaulting Frederick Kirby. H went to jail in default of cash.

BUYS HOME IN GLOUCESTER.

Mr. James M. Cumming Has Purchased the Green Tract of 25 Acres.

Mr. James M. Cumming, a Hampton real estate man, has purchased a tract of land consisting of twenty-five acres, on Ware river, from Robert Graeen of Gloucester county. Mr. Cumming will erect a residence on the property, in which he and his family will make their summer home in the future.

To Make Trip by the C. & O.

The Phoebus firemen last night determined to make the trip to Richmond to attend the State convention over the Chesapeake & Ohio railway.

Lot Sold For \$800.

Thomas Burbanks has purchased from Mr. H. S. Thompson a house and lot in North Newport News for \$800.

Second and Last Personally Conducted Excursion

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THREE DAYS IN THE MOUNTAINS.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Norfolk Friday, August 24th, at 10:30 A. M., stopping only at Lynchburg, Bedford, Montvale, Blue Ridge and Roanoke. Returning, leave Roanoke Monday, August 27th, at 12:30 noon. Three days in the heart of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. An excellent opportunity to visit Natural Bridge and the Peaks of Otter. Last popular excursion of the season to the mountains. Take advantage. Lynchburg and return, \$3.00; other points mentioned, \$3.50. Further information cheerfully furnished. JOHN E. WAGNER, Passenger Agent, 171 Main Street, Norfolk, Va. 8-12-8t

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HAMPTON, PHOEBUS AND OLD POINT.

BAPTIST HOSTS MEET
AT BIG BETHEL CHURCH

Colonel Maryus Jones is Again
Elected Moderator of Virginia Peninsula Association.

SESSION NEXT YEAR IN GLOUCESTER

Invitation From Providence Church for the 1907 Convention Unanimously Accepted—Rev. E. Pendleton Jones, D. D., to Deliver the Annual Sermon on That Occasion.

With delegates present from every county and church represented in the district, the Virginia Peninsula Baptist Association met in third annual session at Big Bethel church yesterday morning and will probably remain in session until Friday afternoon.

The opening day of the Association's work was filled with interesting events. Rev. A. A. Butler, of Newport News, delivered the annual sermon. The first day's work is devoted largely to organization. Officers for the coming year were chosen and the various committees were named.

Colonel Jones Is Moderator.

The election of officers for the coming twelve months was entered into at the morning session. Colonel Maryus Jones, of Newport News, was re-elected the moderator. The other officers were re-elected, as follows:

Vice Moderator—Mr. Charles Jones, of Gloucester.

Clerk—Rev. R. A. Folkes, of Gloucester.

Treasurer—Mr. W. W. Woodward, of Hampton.

A letter was received from the Rappahannock association commending to the Peninsula association the seven white Baptist churches located in Gloucester county, all of which asked to be received into membership in the Peninsula association. The requests were granted and the churches admitted.

To Meet in Gloucester County.

Considerable interest was aroused in the selection of the next place of meeting for the association, several invitations being extended. After a discussion the invitation from Providence Baptist church, in Gloucester county, was unanimously accepted and the association will meet there in 1907.

Dr. E. P. Jones Honored.

Rev. E. Pendleton Jones, D. D., pastor of the Hampton Baptist church, was selected to deliver the annual sermon at the Gloucester meeting. Rev. T. Ryland Sanford, of the Memorial Baptist church was named as the alternate.

Sunday School Work.

Rev. W. R. Keefe, of York county, read the report of the committee on Sunday school work and the report was discussed by Rev. William E. Hatcher, D. D., of Richmond, and Mr. Henry Lane Schmelz, of Hampton.

The report entered into and covered the work of the State board and the publishing house located in Nashville, Tenn.

The Woman's Missionary Society also held interesting meetings yesterday. Probably the most important feature of this meeting was the address of Miss Mary Buhlmer, the Baptist missionary in the city of Baltimore. Miss Buhlmer is the "foreign missionary" in the Oriole city, having as her duties the meeting of vessels upon which foreigners land in the Monumental City. She gave an interesting account of her work.

Today's Program.

The program of the association for today will consist of the submission of reports of committees and the discussion of the organized work of the body.

It is estimated that between 250 and 300 Baptists were present at the meetings yesterday.

The members of Big Bethel church are entertaining the visiting Baptists.

69TH COMPANY IN LEAD.

One of the hardest fought and most defeated the Forty-first Company in a Sensational Contest.

Interesting games in the championship baseball contests at Fort Monroe were that of yesterday afternoon between teams of the Sixty-ninth and Forty-first companies.

The battle was waged bitterly from the start and the Sixty-ninth took the game by the score of 3 to 1. Sixty-ninth made the three runs in the first inning and the Forty-first scored the single tally in the fourth.

By winning yesterday's game, the Sixty-ninth has good chances for winning the championship honors at the fort. In order to even tie the Sixty-ninth the Forty-first, which now stands second, must win four straight games from two of the strongest nines in the fort. Then to capture the trophy the Forty-first would have to defeat the Sixty-ninth in the final contest.

Going to Atlantic City.

Mr. I. Steiner, accompanied by his sister, Miss Fannie Steiner, left last evening for a visit of a few weeks in Atlantic City, New York and Philadelphia. While away they will attend the fall millinery openings in Philadelphia and New York.

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